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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

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A1
4.(Amended) Method according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the oblique guidance of the wrapper (1, 1a) is performed by means of transferring the wrapping station (6) laterally during an ongoing wrapping operation.

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A2
6. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the wrapping of a plastic wrap is performed in the same wrapping station in conjunction with the wrapping of the paper wrapper.

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in** that the plastic wrap (4,4a) is introduced at the finishing stage of the wrapping of the paper wrapper into the gap between the